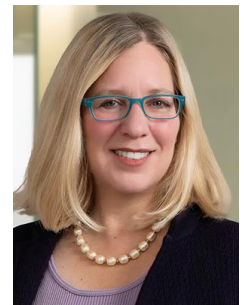


Morgan Lewis Gets DLA Piper Tax Pro With DOJ Experience

By **David Hansen**

Law360 (December 10, 2024, 6:20 PM EST) -- Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP announced that it has added to its Boston office a tax attorney from DLA Piper who served as an appellate attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice, Tax Division.

Tamara Shepard is a partner who advises clients on a broad range of domestic and international tax issues, Morgan Lewis said in a news statement Monday. She helps her clients through all stages of interaction with the Internal Revenue Service, from their first examinations by revenue agents through administrative appeals and, when needed, litigation. Shepard also has a background in handling complex client disputes with state and local authorities, as well as supporting clients who are working with non-U.S. counsel in disputes with foreign tax authorities, according to the firm.



Tamara Shepard

During her time at the DOJ, Shepard handled numerous cases in the U.S. appeals courts and acted as counsel of record in published decisions in the Second, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits, the firm said.

"With clients seeking specialized counsel on the complex changes in tax laws, Tamara's considerable experience in federal tax controversy issues will assist in responding to IRS audits and litigation," firm chair Jami McKeon said in the statement. "Her deep and nuanced understanding enhances the already robust services our clients depend on for complex tax matters."

Shepard, who started her new position Monday, earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

"Joining Morgan Lewis is a wonderful opportunity," Shepard told Law360 on Wednesday.

"First and foremost, Morgan Lewis is highly respected for its exceptional global tax practice," she said. "But perhaps just as important, the firm places a lot of weight on working collaboratively across offices and practice areas. It's just part of the culture here. That's great for clients, and it makes the firm a great place to work."

She added: "I'm so excited to work with a top-notch tax controversy team on resolving high-stakes tax matters for the firm's diverse client base. I love working in tax controversy. It allows me to address big questions — such as the constitutional role of administrative agencies — while at the same time getting into the nitty-gritty details with respect to specific tax issues."

Barton W.S. Bassett, leader of the firm's global tax practice, said Shepard joins a deep roster of tax dispute lawyers, including many others who had worked for the government.

She will be "a strong asset to the firm's integrated approach across our global platform," Bassett said. "Tamara's advanced skill set and track record, coupled with her dedication to client service, will be a dynamic addition to our team."

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